

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Karen Falcone; Selectmen: James McGeough, Bob Jordan, Town Administrator Dean Shankle; Administrative Assistant Joyce Blanchard, Selectman. Dianne Gilbert arrived late.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Falcone called the public session to order at 6:30 PM at the Epping Town Hall.

ADJOURN TO NON-PUBLIC 91:A:3 II. (a)(b)(c)(d)(e)personnel; reputation (e) legal

Motion by Selectman McGeough to adjourn to Non-Public Session. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 3-0. Roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

SEAL NON-PUBLIC MINUTES –February 28, 2011

Motion by Selectman Jordan to seal the Non-Public Minutes of February 28, 2011. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

MINUTES OF February 22, 2011

Minutes from February 22, 2011 were submitted for approval.

Motion by Selectman Gilbert to approve the minutes of February 22, 2011. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 4-0.

APPOINTMENT

Chairman Falcone announced that Mr. Thomas Gauthier had submitted a letter of interest regarding being appointed to the vacant Selectman position.

Selectman McGeough made a motion to appoint Mr. Thomas Gauthier to fill the vacant Selectman position. Seconded by Selectman Gilbert. Motion carried 4-0.

Linda Foley, Town Clerk proceeded to swear in Mr. Thomas Gauthier as a Selectman for the Town of Epping. He then took his seat on the Board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chairman Falcone introduced and welcomed the new Fire Chief, Donald DeAngelis. She read a short

biography of his career in Hopkinton, Concord and Loudon, NH. Charles Goodspeed spoke welcoming Chief DeAngelis to Epping and looking forward to working with him. Chief DeAngelis then introduced his family and thanked everyone for his welcome. Chief DeAngelis is looking forward to his first day on March 4th.

BUSINESS

ABATEMENTS REQUEST

Abatement request for Mr. Sean Deary, 10 Fisher Drive for his property on 10 Fisher Drive, Map 023 Lot 071 in the amount of \$400.24 was submitted for approval.

Selectman Gilbert made a motion to approve the abatement for Mr. Deary 10 Fisher Drive in the amount of \$400.24. Seconded by Selectman Gauthier. Motion carried 5-0.

Abatement request for Ms. Betsy French, 62 Dearborn Road for her property on 62 Dearborn Road, Map 17 Lot 018-002 in the amount of \$218.74.

Selectmen Gilbert made a motion to approve the abatement for Ms. French 62 Dearborn Road in the amount of \$218.74 Seconded by Selectmen Jordan. Motion carried 5-0

LAND USE CHANGE TAX FORM

Land Use Change Tax Form request for Michael and Diane Simone, for their property on Fireside Drive, Map 25 Lot 012-006 in the amount of \$7,000.

Selectman Gilbert made a motion to discuss this Land Use Change Tax Form. Seconded by Selectmen Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

There were questions regarding the size of the lot, the taking of the one acre out of current use and the price. Joe Lessard explained that the amount reflects on the one acre that was pulled out of current use for the house.

Selectman McGeough made a motion to table the LUCT requesting an explanation from Municipal Resources Inc. Seconded by Selectmen Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Land Use Change Tax Form request for 16 parcels in the Orchard Subdivision in the amount of \$112,000. List attached.

Selectman Gauthier made a motion to approve the LUCT in the amount on \$112,000. Seconded by

Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

RECREATION

Recreation Director, Nicole Bizzaro is proposing a Pre-School Play date on Fridays March 11-April 8, 2011 at Watson Academy.

Selectman Jordan made a motion to approve the Pre-School Playdate on Fridays March 11-April 8, 2011 at Watson Academy. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

Recreation Director, Nicole Bizzaro is asking for clarification regarding business sponsorship on the t-shirts worn during the Summer Recreation Program. Selectman Falcone does not want to use the Children as walking billboards or that the town endorses the companies on the shirt. Selectmen Gilbert agrees and added that a donation is a donation because this can be used as a business expense. Selectmen Gauthier and Selectmen Jordan have seen it done before as many towns do this to help with expenses. Selectman McGeough agreed that this has been done before but shouldn't use Logo's.

A proposal regarding a Corporate Trip Sponsor providing assistance to families in need was introduced. The sponsors would donate towards one of the large field trips. Their name would be included on the shirt, on the sign out front of Watson Academy and a thank you in the paper at the end of the summer.

Selectman Jordan made a motion to accept advertising by line on the t-shirts and the trip sponsorship program. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

Request for AmeriCorp Victims Assistance Program proposal form to be signed.

Selectman Jordan made a motion to approve Town Administrator Shankle to sign the AmeriCorp Victim Assistance Program proposal. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC WORKS

Chris Albert is asking to be appointed to the Instream Flow Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committee.

Selectman Gauthier made the motion for Chairman Falcone to sign the Instream Flow Water Management Planning Area Advisory Committee form appointing Chris Albert as a representative. Seconded by Selectman McGeough. Motion carried 5-0.

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Town Administrator Shankle introduced the Senior Community Service Employment Program. It is a program that matches Seniors that still want to work with employment.

Selectman Gilbert made a motion to accept the Host Agency Agreement and have Town

Administrator Shankle sign the agreement. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS

7:30 – VISION APPRAISAL

Vision Appraisal, Paul McKenny and Steve Whalen came in with Joe Lessard from the DRA to discuss Mrs. Cloutier's unanswered questions. Mrs. Cloutier read a letter, explained her questions and wanted to know more about the hearing process. After a lot of discussion by the board, Mrs. Cloutier, MRI, and DRA it was decided that information needed to be provided. A list of questions will be submitted and Vision Appraisals and DRA will be coming back to the Board with answers.

8:00 – SULLIVAN

Kim Sullivan stated that statistical evaluations do not make sense. He asked for an explanation as to why his offering a service to taxpayers was not allowed to be on ETV. Mr. Sullivan would like a reason why he didn't get a response when he asked the question. Chairman Falcone explained the Board has a policy not to use ETV for advertisement. Mr. Sullivan would like to have that policy changed.

8:15 - Chase

Nancy Chase has concerns and questions about the Land Purchase that is a warrant article. Selectman Falcone explained that her concerns and questions should have been asked at the Deliberative Session. Selectman Gilbert offered that Mrs. Chase could write an editorial for a newspaper. Water and Sewer is having a meeting the following night, she could go to that meeting and voice her concerns.

Town Administrator Shankle has a letter that Water and Sewer wants to mail out to taxpayers for review.

Selectman Gilbert made a motion that the Water and Sewer department should pay for this mailing out of their own pocket and not funded from public money out the Water and Sewer budget. Seconded by Chairman Falcone. Motion carried 3-2. Selectman McGeough and Selectman Gauthier voting nay.

CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Town Administrator Shankle

Town Administrator Shankle explained that sample ballots are on line. Hard copies are available at the Town Hall.

INDIVIDUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Gilbert

Selectman Gilbert wants to welcome Selectman Gauthier back to the Board. The new Fire Chief is a great asset to the Town of Epping.

Selectman McGeough

Selectman McGeough reminded voters to vote at the March 8th election. It is important to be an educated voter.

Selectman McGeough welcomed Tom Gauthier back to the Board and thanked him for stepping up. Congratulations to the new Fire Chief.

Selectman Jordan

Selectman Jordan thanked and welcomed Tom Gauthier back to the board, and welcome to the new Fire Chief.

Selectman Jordan wants everyone to vote on March 8th. You can't stay home and complain, you need to vote to make things happen.

Selectman Jordan would like to thank the Highway Department for doing a great job with all the snow and ice.

Selectman Jordan wants to remind everyone if you have things in your basement now is the time to move things. Wet season is coming and when all this snow melts there will be wet basements.

Chairman Falcone

Chairman Falcone asked the Selectmen who could work at the polls. Chairman Falcone offered to open the polls at 8AM. Selectman Jordan, Gilbert and Gauthier will be available to close the polls.

Chairman Falcone reminded everyone to vote, how important voting is. Please, your vote matters.

Chairman Falcone explained about Candidates Night on March 2nd 7 PM, ask your questions.

Chairman Falcone thanked Tom Gauthier for coming back; he is needed on the Board.

Chairman Falcone welcomed the new Fire Chief, it is exciting for Epping.

Selectman Gauthier

Selectman Gauthier thanked the Board for choosing him to fill the vacant seat.

COMMENTS BY VISITORS

Paul Spidle also wanted the public to know that there are 2 openings on the budget committee if anyone is interested in a write-in campaign or to be appointed.

ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Gauthier to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Jordan. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joyce Blanchard
Administrative Assistant
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Karen Falcone, Chairman

Thomas Gauthier, Selectmen

Dianne Gilbert, Selectman

James McGeough, Selectman

Bob Jordan, Selectman

Date _____